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LINDA LEE CONVERSE

JUNE 27, 1952.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4632]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 4632) for the relief of Linda Lee Converse, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant to the minor adopted child of United States citizens the status of a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill was born in Germany on November 24, 1950, and has been adopted by Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur R. Converse, Jr., who are citizens of the United States.

Congressman Harold A. Patten, the author of the bill, submitted to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives the following information in connection with the bill:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D. C., January 25, 1952.

Hon. EMANUEL CELLER,
Chairman, Judiciary Committee,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEAR MR. CELLER: Find attached documents of adoption concerning my bill (H. R. 4632) to effect entry of a minor child adopted by United States citizens.

Here quoted is a letter from Sgt. Arthur R. Converse, Jr., requesting that legislation be introduced in order that he might bring his adopted daughter back to the United States on his return:

JUNE 20, 1951.

Representative HAROLD A. PATTEN,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: I am a staff sergeant stationed in Germany. My wife and I, being childless, were lately attracted to a very sweet 7-month-old baby girl that we are now taking steps to adopt. However, being born since June 30, 1950, she does not come under the Displaced Persons Act for entry into the United States. We have been informed by personnel at the American consulate's office that it takes considerable time, several years, for her number to come up on the ordinary quota. This has us worried, as I could be shipped home before her number comes up and she would have to remain here in Germany. Both my wife and I would appreciate any help that you can give us.

Through friends, we have learned that in some cases a special bill has been introduced to allow certain persons to enter the United States. The following information is submitted: Name of child, Linda Lee Converse; born November 24, 1950; place, Offenbach, Germany.

I am a resident of Tucson, Ariz. My last address there was 1615 North Columbus Boulevard, Tucson. Thank you very much.

Staff Sgt. ARTHUR R. CONVERSE, Jr. (AF-18001620),
Box 82, Second Radio Squadron, Mobile A. P. O. 175, care of Postmaster, New York.

I shall appreciate the committee's early action on this legislation. Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

HAROLD A. PATTEN, *Member of Congress.*

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[Translation from the German, for Representative H. A. Patten, of document registration No. 1139/1951]

ADOPTION

OFFENBACH AM MAIN, *August 23, 1951.*

Before the notary Dr. Robert Ludwig, with headquarters at Offenbach am Main, there appeared today—

(1) Mr. Arthur Raymond Converse, Jr., Staff Sergeant, residing at 19803 Schaefer Highway, Detroit, Mich., United States of America, at present residing at Bermontstrasse 40, Neu-Isenburg near Frankfurt am Main;

(2) His wife, Elizabeth Augusta Converse, nee Allstaedt, residing at the same address;

(3) Mrs. Mathilde Dietz, acting as representative of the Youth Office of the City of Offenbach am Main, as official guardian of the child Elke Margot Elisabeth Heim, born on November 24, 1950;

(4) Mr. Helmuth Serchinger, interpreter, residing at Lessingstrasse 17, Muehlheim a.L.

The persons who appeared for (1) and (2) were identified by identification cards Nos. H 059 778, and H 190 019, also containing photographs; the persons appearing for (3) and (4) are personally known to the notary.

Parties (1) and (2) stated:

"We are citizens of the United States of America. We were married on January 19, 1946, at Long Beach, Calif., United States of America."

The above serving as preface, the Converse couple, on the one side, and Mrs. Dietz as representative of the Youth Office of the City of Offenbach, on the other side, conclude the following contract:

"We, the couple Arthur Raymond Converse, Jr., and Elizabeth Augusta (Converse), nee Allstaedt, jointly adopt Elke Margot Elizabeth Heim, born on November 24, 1950, at Offenbach am Main.

"The child shall henceforth bear the name of Converse."

The party appearing for (3) declared:

"I accept the offer.

"I affirm that the names of the accepting parties [sic; should read: "persons making the offer"] appear in the adoption register of the Youth Office of the City of Offenbach am Main under No. 196."

The mother of the child, Mrs. Hermine Maria Elisabeth Weber, nee Heim, residing at Offenbach am Main, Schumannstrasse 7, gave her consent, by notarial act of the officiating notary (document registry No. 1092/1951), dated August 10, 1951, that her child, Elke Margot Elisabeth Heim, be jointly adopted by the couple, having American citizenship, whose names appear under No. 96 of the adoption register of the Youth Office of the City of Offenbach am Main.

The child has no personal fortune or property.

The parties authorized the party appearing for (4) to procure the approval of the Vormundschaftsgericht and the confirmation of the contract, and to accept for them and publish the decisions.

The parties appearing for (1) and (2) do not speak German. All parties waive the swearing in of the party appearing for (4) as an interpreter.

The above contract was read to the parties, also [as translated into] English by the interpreter.

The above contract was approved by the parties and signed by them, as follows:

(Signed) Arthur Raymond Converse, Jr.
(Signed) Elizabeth Augusta Converse, nee Allstaedt.
(Signed) Helmuth Serchinger.
(Signed) Dr. Ludwig, *Notary.*

This is a true copy of the original being issued to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Raymond Converse at Neu-Isenburg.

[SEAL] (Signed) LUDWIG, *Notary.*

OFFENBACH AM MAIN, *August 23, 1951.*

(Translated by Elizabeth Hanunian, January 23, 1952.)

HEADQUARTERS, SECOND RADIO SQUADRON, MOBILE.
A. P. O. 175, United States Army, 22 June 1951.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Staff Sgt. Arthur R. Converse (AF–18001620), Second Radio Squadron, Mobile, A. P. O. 175, United States Army, has been known to the undersigned for a period of approximately 6 months.

During this time Staff Sergeant Converse has proved to be of irreproachable character, honest and upright, attentive to duty, and an excellent airman at all times.

KENNETH R. SLATER,
Captain, United States Air Force.

HEADQUARTERS, SECOND RADIO SQUADRON, MOBILE,
A. P. O., United States Army, July 9, 1951.

Subject: Character reference (Staff Sgt. Arthur R. Converse).

To: To whom it may concern.

Staff Sgt. Arthur R. Converse has been a member of this organization since January 8, 1951, and he has conducted himself in an exemplary manner both on and of duty at all times. He has no noticeable bad habits or associations, and after a screening of subject airman's records for period prior to joining this organization his character is deemed to be excellent.

Staff Sergeant Converse has no known outstanding indebtedness, and at the present time his yearly salary and allowances amount to approximately $3,000 per year plus his housing.

JACK P. VAN TUIL,
Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force,
Commanding.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 4632) should be enacted.

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